



# Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas

Supporting Irish Prisoners Overseas and their Families

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## ICPO 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

*Conference Title:* Reaching Out – Supporting Irish Prisoners Overseas and Their Families

*Venue:* Dublin Castle      *Chair:* Mark Hennessy, Irish Times      *Date:* 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015

- 09:00      Registration Tea/Coffee
- 09:45      *Welcoming Remarks and Brief Outline of the Work of ICPO*  
Bishop John Kirby, IECE Chair, Bishop of Clonfert
- 10:00      *The Early Days of ICPO*  
Nuala Kelly, First Coordinator of ICPO
- 10:30      **President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins**
- 10:55      BREAK
- 11:20      *Resettlement Needs of Returning Ex-Prisoners to Ireland*  
Paul Gavin, Researcher, ICPO Commissioned Research
- 11:55      *Current Trends and Contemporary Challenges Facing Prisoners Overseas and the Organisations That Support Them*  
Pauline Crowe, OBE, Chief Executive, Prisoners Abroad
- 12:30      Questions & Answers
- 12:45      LUNCH
- 14:00      *The Right Type of Education – A Briefing on Education and Training Provision for Gypsy and Irish Traveller Prisoners in England and Wales*  
Ellena Costello, Policy Officer, Traveller Equality Project, Irish Chaplaincy
- 14:20      *The Importance of a Pastoral Outreach to Prisoners Overseas*  
Fr. Gerry McFlynn, Manager, ICPO London Office
- 14:40      *Family Matters - The Impact of Overseas Imprisonment on Families*  
Claire O’Connell, ICPO Caseworker and Family Support Worker  
Denise, a mother with a son imprisoned overseas will speak about her experiences
- 15:00      Questions & Answers
- 15:15      *Looking to the Future*  
Brian Hanley, Coordinator, ICPO Maynooth Office
- 15:25      *Closing Address*  
Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 15:40      Concluding Remarks by Conference Chair, Mark Hennessy